(c) and (d) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 having stringent provisions for dealing with drug related offences is already in place.

Law for refugees

3113. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had received a proposal for creation of a national law to protect refugees in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has pot signed the 1951 convention relating to the status of Refugees or its 1967 protocol; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India received a draft model law proposed, by Justice P.N. Bhagavati, Chairman, Eminent Persons Group set up by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees recommending, *inter-alia,* for enactment of a Refugee Law.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) India did not sign 1951 Geneva Convention on Refugees and its 1967 Protocol primarily because it does not deal adequately with situation of mass influx and mixed flows, as is faced by India.

Forming of own disaster response forces

3114. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had advised all the States to form their own disaster response forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the State Governments in this regard;

(d) the share of Centre and States proposed; and

(e) the decision arrived at, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government of India have advised all the State Governments/Union Territory administrations to form their own Search and Rescue Teams to enable them to respond more effectively to disaster situations. For this purpose the States/Union territories have been requested to (i) select at least 12 trainers (ii) identify one State level nodal training institute (iii) procure necessary equipment for Training of Trainers (ToTs) (iv) identify officials/officers for the training in Medical First Responder (MFR) & Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) and (v) procure equipment for State level Search and Rescue Teams.

(c) The advise given by the Government of India to the State/UT Governments for the setting up of their own search and rescue teams is being implemented by the State/UT Governments.

24 States/UTs have already selected trainers as well as identified State level nodal Training Institutes.

(d) and (e) At the centre level, 8 battalions of National Disaster Response Force have been constituted by the Government of India for specialist response to any disaster situation, in the country.

No share of Centre and States has been fixed for formation of State level Search and Rescue Teams and these Teams are required to be set up by the State/UT Governments from their own budget.

The Government of India has permitted the State Government to utilize 10% of the annual allocation of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for procurement of essential search, rescue and evacuation equipment including communication equipment.

Shortage of teachers

3115. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the schools run by both the Delhi Administration and the Municipal Corporation am facing acute shortage of teachers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;